

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant would like to express appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided and for the acknowledgment of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements by return of the forms PTO-1449. Applicant further acknowledges the finality of the Examiner's restriction requirement, and hereby expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter.

Upon entry of the present amendment, the Abstract will have been replaced, claim 2 will have been amended and claims 7-26 will have been canceled. Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding objection, and allowance of all the claims pending in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

The Examiner has objected to claim 2, requesting that at claim 2, line 3, before "third buffer" "the" should be changed to ---a--- for clarity. In compliance with the Examiner's request, Applicant has made this change to claim 2, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to claim 2.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every pending claim of the present application is in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present amendment is in proper form, and it is therefore respectfully requested that consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are now believed to be appropriate.

Applicant notes that the amendment to the claim 2 has not been made for a purpose related to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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